SFWMD Governing Board

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Item 64

Project Partnership Agreement L-31N (L-30) Seepage Management Pilot Project

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Governing Board Action Requested

Authorize entering into a Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for construction and testing of the L-31N(L-30) Seepage Management Pilot Project



Pilot Project Purpose

- Evaluate seepage management technologies to control seepage losses from Everglades National Park and Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3B
- Address critical uncertainties for full-scale seepage management features
 - Constructability
 - Reliability
 - Monitoring capabilities
 - Implementation cost and time requirements



Pilot Project Location





Pilot Project Authority and Background

- Conditionally authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of WRDA-2000
- Pilot Project Design Report
 - Approved by Governing Board in August 2009
 - Approved by Assistant Secretary of the Army in November 2009
- Federal funds for Pilot Project construction provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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Project Partnership Agreement

- Incorporates the terms and conditions of the CERP Master Agreement
- Includes project-specific terms and conditions for installation of the Pilot Project and testing for 32 months
- Estimated cost of \$15,275,000
- No operations and maintenance costs



Agency Responsibilities

- Corps responsible for funding and administration of contract for pilot project construction and testing
- SFWMD responsible for providing 50 percent cost-share on a programmatic basis under CERP Master Agreement
 - No cash contribution anticipated
- SFWMD will provide limited staff level support estimated at \$240,000



Schedule

Governing Board Approval of Project Partnership Agreement

Dec 10, 2009

Execution of Project Partnership Agreement

Feb 16, 2010

Advertise for Construction

Feb 26, 2010

Award Construction Contract

Mar 31, 2010



A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT **AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A PROJECT PARTNERSHIP** AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE L-31N (L-30) SEEPAGE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROJECT, A COMPONENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN, AT A TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$15,275,000, FOR WHICH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING 50 PERCENT COST-SHARE, AND FOR WHICH FUNDING, IF ANY, IS SUBJECT TO GOVERNING BOARD APPROVAL OF FUTURE FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (CONTRACT NUMBER 4600001943)

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